

In the evening divine service was again performed in the Church, and an impressive sermon preached to a crowded congregation, by the Rev. S. Franklin, late Curate at Clarendon. The Church (which holds nearly 400 persons) and pargone are remarkably well adapted, and reflect, as usual, great credit on the architect, G. P. Mansfield, Esq., as well as on Mr. Thatcher, of Weston, the builder. The Bishop expressed his entire satisfaction with the whole of the arrangements, and observed that he had seldom seen more gratifying results from so small an outlay.—Bath Chronicle.

CONSECRATION OF EMANUEL CHURCH, WESTON-SUPER-MARE. The gradually increasing importance of this favourite watering place having rendered it necessary to provide additional Church accommodation, a chaste and commodious edifice has been recently erected there by Mr. Gregory, of the same place, from the plan and under the direction of Mr. Mansfield, of Bath. This sacred pile has been dedicated to the Church of Emmanuel, and on Friday the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, accompanied by the resident and neighbouring Clergy, to the number of about one hundred, walked in procession from the National School room to the Church to perform the important ceremony of its consecration. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Professor Scholefield, from the 4th chapter of Zechariah, and was a deeply impressive discourse was, perhaps, never before delivered from the pulpit. After divine service, the Bishop and Clergy, with most of the principal visitors, adjourned to the National School room, where an excellent dinner was provided, and the solo of the Ven. Archdeacon Law, the Rector of the parish. There were about 200 present. The healths of the Bishop, the trustees, the Rev. Professor Scholefield, the Incumbent of Emmanuel Church, the Rev. W. Ford, the Rev. W. Hunt, Mr. Mansfield, the architect of the Church, were given in succession. At the close of the dinner an address from the Clergy and laity was presented to the Archdeacon, congratulating him upon the completion of the building. The Church was again opened for Divine service in the evening, when a Devotional Service was delivered by the Rev. Hugh Stowell, Honorary Canon of Chester. Collections were made after each of the services.—Bristol Mirror.

The Church of Christchurch, Conn., was reopened for Divine service on Monday last. Very considerable improvements have recently been introduced into this spacious edifice. The entire cost of the alteration and improvements exceed \$1,500, towards which upwards of £1,000 have been already obtained. The new Church of the Rev. Wm. Lee, on the road between Middlewich and Knutsford, was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester on Thursday week. The building has rather a striking appearance as approached from Middlewich, and though mainly built of bricks has both a picturesque effect, and a general ecclesiastical character which can perhaps be said of no other modern brick Church in the county. The Right Rev. Dr. Coleridge, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Humphries Chaplain to the Bishop of London, held a confirmation of the children of the British resident at Boulogne, at Trinity Church in that town, on the 19th inst. The seats in the Church were appropriated—one side to the Clergy and their ladies, and on the other to the authorities of Boulogne and their friends. The candidates numbered altogether 17—the largest number ever confirmed in the English Church at Boulogne. The doors of the Church were thrown open by ten o'clock and by eleven the edifice was crowded. On the arrival of the Bishop, the Rev. Mr. Furlong, the Rev. Mr. Groves the Rev. Mr. Adson, the Rev. Mr. Gibson, the Rev. Mr. Woodruff, the Rev. Mr. Gambier, the Rev. Mr. Thorpe, and the Rev. Mr. McCullum, all robes, and attended by Sir Charles Rich, Bart, Sir George Rich, Messrs. Stirling, Mathews, Platt, Grant, Smith, and Francis acting as Marshals, received him at the entrance, where Messrs. Capucins, and conducted him to the Church, where the Ceremony was gone through with great order and solemnity. The addresses of the Bishop both before and after the imposition of hands, were fully equal to what might have been expected from so eloquent and learned a Divine. After the ceremony was concluded, the Bishop visited the other British Churches in Boulogne, in order to ascertain their state and construction, left the same day for Calais.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.—In pursuance of a resolution, adopted by acclamation at the annual meeting of the Diocesan Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, held in York on Tuesday, the 12th inst., a deputation consisting of Archdeacons Creaky, Wilberforce and Churton, the dean of Ripon, Canon Trevor, and the secretary of the Society (the Rev. E. J. Rains and Dr. Shann) waited on the Archbishop at the Bishopric, Bishophorpe, and presented him with an address of respect and affection for his advanced years and distinguished character. The Archbishop immediately replied in the following words:—"It is a great gratification and honour to receive this kind expression of feeling on the part of the meeting which assembled yesterday. Those meetings I always attended and presided over when I was able, and I have never ceased to feel the warmest interest in the proceedings of the Society, and to be very thankful for the good wishes expressed for health. I am at the close of a life unusually extended and blessed with health, strength, kind friends, and an affectionate family—every comfort this world can afford; and I should be very ungrateful if I did not, as it is my duty to do, assist every exertion for the extension of the Gospel of our blessed Saviour." The Archbishop then shook hands with each member of the deputation, and requested the secretaries to take charge of his usual contribution to the plate. His Grace conversed with great attention and kindness with each gentleman, and expressed the company he was in perfect health, with the exception of not having so free a use of his hands and lower limbs. "In other respects," said his Grace, "I am as well as when I was 25."

THE GOVERNMENT SCHEME OF EDUCATION.—At the general meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Society, for the year 1847, held in the Town-hall, Wells, October 21, the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells in the chair, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to, moved by the Rev. John Thorne, seconded by Mr. F. H. Dickinson:—"That this meeting begs to present its respectful thanks to the Lord Bishop of the diocese, for his letter of remonstrance, addressed in August last to the Lord President of the Council, on the subject of the management of the schools, which have lately been required to be inserted in the trust deeds of Church schools as a condition of their receiving aid from the Government; and that, while this meeting fully admits and recognizes the right and the duty of Government to require from all the managers, time, form, and conditions for aid; but that the sole condition required, besides the legal constitution of the several trusts, should be that of inspection, as defined by the order of Council of August 10, 1840; the beneficial results of which inspection the meeting is desirous fully to acknowledge; and that the diocesan secretary be requested to communicate copies of this resolution to the secretary of the Committee of Council on Education and the secretary of the National Society, to be laid before the Committee of Council and the Committee of the National Society."

THE CHURCH.

TORONTO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1847.

CONTENTS OF THE OUTSIDE. The Baptists in the Desert. The Lord's Prayer. Ecce Homo. The Virgin Mary and the Heavenly Messengers. Christmas Customs in Germany. Children instructed in Christian truth. Poem:—"Good tidings of Great Joy." Poem:—"Last Year's Violets." Poem:—"The Village Church."

THE ARCHDEACON OF YORK will (D. V.) visit the several Parishes and Missions in the Gore and Wellington Districts at the periods mentioned below; when he would be desirous of meeting the Clergymen and Churchwardens of those parishes respectively, with as many of the Parishioners as can conveniently attend. It is requested that such meetings be, in all cases, commenced with Morning or Evening Prayer: Oakville, ..... Tuesday, ..... December 28, 6 P.M. Palmero, ..... Wednesday, " 29, 10 A.M. Nelson, ..... " 30, 2 P.M. Wellington Square, ..... " 30, 11 A.M. Ancaster, ..... Thursday, " 30, 6 P.M. Dundas, ..... " 31, 6 P.M. Biobrook, ..... Friday, " 31, 1 P.M. Stony Creek, ..... " 31, 6 P.M. Elora, ..... Monday, ..... January 3, 3 P.M. Guelph, ..... Tuesday, ..... " 4, 11 A.M. Galt, ..... " 4, 6 P.M. St. George, ..... Wednesday, " 5, 11 A.M. Paris, ..... " 5, 3 P.M. Brantford, ..... " 6, 6 P.M. Mohawk Village, ..... Thursday, " 6, 10 A.M. Tuscarora, ..... " 6, 2 P.M. York, ..... " 6, 6 P.M. Hamilton, ..... Friday, " 7, 6 P.M.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Once more we have the near prospect of commemorating the Nativity of our adorable Lord and Master. In a few days we shall be specially invited by the Church to journey in spirit to Bethlehem of Judea, and gaze upon that marvel of all marvels, the Incarnation of the Godhead—and by the eye of faith to recognize in the manger-cradled babe, Him who is called WONDERS, COUNSELLOR, THE MIGHTY GOD, THE EVERLASTING FATHER, THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

Cold and listless must be the man calling himself Christian, who at this sacred and joyous season, experiences no emotions of holy emotions of holy festivity and prayerful joy. Petrified, indeed, in the world's hardening stream, must be that heart to which the time-honoured word of Christmas conveys no sensation of adoring gratitude. As good Bishop Hall eloquently remarks, "If we suffer any worldly occasion to stay us from Bethlehem, we care more for our sheep than for our souls. It is not possible that a faithful heart should hear where Christ is, and not labour to the sight, to the fruition of him. Where art thou, Oh Saviour, but at home in thine own house, in the assembly of thy saints? Where art thou to be found, but in thy word and sacraments? Yea, there thou seekest for us: if there we haste not to seek for thee, we are worthy to want thee—worthy that our want of thee here should make us want the presence of thy face for ever."

We are about to celebrate the Birth-day of our divine benefactor, and our great elder brother. In human relationships how sad do we feel if any members of a family be wilfully absent from such a tender reunion—how long that the loving circle may once more behold their "old familiar faces," and that all causes of estrangement may speedily be done away with and removed. And whilst at all times the lover of Gospel peace will lament the divisions which exist among the professed followers of the Captain of our salvation, he must at this period of the ecclesiastical year, more especially grieve, that the world does not exhibit the gracious spectacle of the members of one visible sheep-fold, adoring and lauding their common shepherd and benefactor. Oh there was no sectarian denominationalism at Bethlehem! The pilgrim magi and the simple herdsmen of Judea knelt under the same humble roof-tree, and king and peasant presented in union tributes to their common Lord and Maker.

We fear that the important subject of Christian oneness—one body as well as one faith—is not sufficiently made the matter of supplication before the throne of grace. May we be pardoned, then, for suggesting that on the ensuing high festival of Christendom, all who value the Redeemer's expiring wish,—that they all may be one: even as thou Father art in me and I in thee, that they may be one in us,—would be mindful to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." Let them be earnest in their petitions that the same Spirit who

Most appropriate are the instructions, which the Church has appointed for her children at this interesting epoch of the Christian year. To use the words of the judicious Wheatley, she "both excites and assists our devotion by an admirable form of office fitted to the day. In the first Lessons she reads to us the clearest prophecies of Christ's coming in the flesh; and in the second Lessons, Epistle and Gospel, she shows us the completion of these prophecies, by giving us the entire history of it. In the Collect she teaches us to pray that we may be partakers of the benefits of his birth, and in the proper Psalms she sets us to our duty of praising and glorifying God for this incomprehensible mystery!" They who "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" this precious food will be in a proper frame to commemorate the wonders of Bethlehem. Their Christmas will be a merry day, in the true sense and acceptance of the expression. To us, there is no spectacle more ghastly and incongruous, than the Christmas festivity of a godless, prayerless sinner. As well might a blind man rejoice at the tidings that the eastern mountain tops were golden with the beams of the rising sun. What matters it to the servant of the world, the flesh, and the Devil, that "unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given!" He celebrates the Nativity, not of his Saviour, but of His Judge,—of Him, from whose stern lips shall proceed the unalterable sentence, "depart from me into everlasting fire prepared for the Devil and his angels." What conceivable cause, then, has such a forlorn creature to exclaim at his banquet, or over his wassail cup, "a merry Christmas!" If he had common reflection, "the amen would stick in his throat." But the humble, prayerful, consistently walking believer, who, feeling the burden of his sins, has cast that hideous burden at the foot of the Cross—such a one may well regard the twenty-fifth of December as a day greatly to be had in remembrance—a day in which, like the prodigal's father, he may "make merry with his friends." No fear of limits of festive enjoyment.—The flavour of the sacramental cup still lingering on his lips, he rejoices with golly fear, and his mirth is chastened by the trembling of a contrite, though warmly grateful heart. Such were the Christmas feasts of our Herberts and Watsons—may such be the character of ours in these latter days.

Whilst speaking of festivity, we would express our gratification that in many parts of our Province the goodly old custom of decorating the sanctuary at this season, is still retained, and acted upon. Well fitted indeed for the morning of the nativity, are these simple and innocent adornments. Let no one look upon them with a scornful eye, or stigmatize them as the remnants of Romish superstition. Long years before the corruptions of Popery had existence, were the early churches thus decked; and beautiful was the lesson which our pious nonsectarian forefathers saw written in these leaves of nature's spiritually interpreted book. Winter, they said, was nature's grave;—the snow its winding sheet. But here and there in the widowed and bereaved forest, appeared a speck of green life—a little infant, so to speak—spared from the mortality of the great vegetable family, to testify that the desolation was not to continue for ever—but that ere long the sweet and gentle voice of spring would call forth the slumbering buds from the tomb, and her dewy fingers roll away the cold white winding sheet, and cause earth to rejoice once more in newness of life. And in all this, the simple primitive Church saw a parable, teaching mighty and stirring truths. After the fall, the world became dead in trespasses and sins, lost to God, lost to heaven, lost to hope. Men's hearts were frozen by the chill of iniquity—transgressions covered the soul, even as snow shrouds the ground, checking the growth of every virtuous and spiritual principle. In this moral winter Christ appeared. Christ, who by the prophet was styled the righteous branch—the fair root from the stem of Jesse. And in that branch the believer has an assurance that coming to him as his Advocate, Redeemer, and Righteousness, he shall be raised from the winter of sin, to the bright genial summer of holiness, and purity, and peace, and newness of life. Hence it was that the primitive Christians adorned their churches with such branches as the winter had spared them; and for this reason we, their children, bring from the forest a tribute of thanksgiving to our Lord and Redeemer.

A happy and attached family meet together for the purpose of celebrating the birth-day of a dear member of the domestic circle. On such an occasion all conventionalities of artificial society are sunk,—and the poor relative is equally cherished with the man on

whose pathway the sun of prosperity has brightly shone. The step-child of fortune, they befit him, was dear to him whose memory is commemorated, and that consideration is sufficient to secure him welcome and kindness. Now our Lord Jesus Christ was himself a poor man, and he has declared that the poor are the objects of his special care. Let us therefore at all times, but particularly at the present festival, show our love to Emmanuel, by relieving the wants, and administering to the necessities, of our poorer brethren of mankind—especially those who are of our faith in faith. Thus shall we demonstrate that our faith is genuine and heaven-derived, and that our Christianity is a nobler thing than a mere distinguishing term or party word. Perhaps there never was a period when our Province presented so many cases of want and penury as it does at the present time. May the widow, the stranger, and the fatherless, have cause to bless you, for cheering them on this, perchance, their loneliest and saddest Christmas day.

"Go, bid the hungry orphan be With thy abundance blest; Invite the wand'ring to thy gate, And spread the cheer of rest. Let him who pines with piercing cold By thee be warm'd and clad; Be thine the blissful task to make The downcast mourner glad."

The Canadian Christian Offering. This is the title of a new publication about to issue from the Diocesan Press, Toronto; as the title implies, it is purely a Canadian production, which we think will be an additional argument in its favour. The prospectus states that the profits are to go towards liquidating the debt of Trinity Church, Streetville. Now to every earnest Churchman, the erection of another building to the service of Almighty God, is a circumstance calculated to fill his mind with the liveliest emotions of pleasure; and his first impulse, if sincere, will be to try how he can forward the good work. In the present instance the Church has been built, but from unforeseen circumstances a heavy debt has been incurred, which it is the object of the present little work to endeavour in some measure to reduce; we therefore think that it has a fair claim on the sympathies of every friend of our communion. To those who have relatives in the mother countries we cannot imagine an offering which would be more appropriate to send from this colony, and at the same time prove more agreeable to their friends at home. It will also form a most appropriate Sunday School gift, and we hope that the Canadian Clergy will largely patronize this first attempt to collect into a volume the sacred effusions of Canadian Churchmen. The following is a specimen of the contents of the volume.

TEARS. (By the Rev. W. S. Darling.) Tears—blessed tears! Ye are the voiceless language of the soul, Calming the tempest of the hottest and fiercest That o'er the breast their crested billows roll.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY. We are happy to learn that this meritorious society have already commenced their preparations for the winter's campaign. To their exertions we must look, in a great measure, for the formation and advancement of a correct musical taste in our community, and sincerely do we trust that their efforts will be suitably appreciated, and liberally supported, more especially as the proceeds of the Concerts are to be appropriated to the support of the Asylum for Destitute Emigrant Widows and Orphans. At a meeting held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the following officers of the Society were elected.

MEMBERS.—The Rev. John McCaul, LL.D. VICE-PRESIDENTS.—Mr. Principal Baron, Hon. Mr. Justice Draper, W. H. Boulton, Esq., M.P.P. J. R. Nash, Esq., Dr. Connor, Professor O'Brien, Professor Croft, Frederick Widder, Esq. MANAGERS.—Vocal. Instrumental. Mr. Bilton, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Brent, Dr. Hipkins, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Hirschfelder, Mr. Wylie, Mr. Nordheimer. Treasurer.—Mr. Rowless. Secretary.—Mr. Laing. Curator.—Mr. Childs.

THE ELECTIONS. The ensuing contest for Parliamentary honours forms the absorbing topic of interest at the present moment throughout the Province, and the two great political parties into which the community is divided, speak with equal confidence as to the results of the struggle. If the Conservative body only present an unbroken phalanx, there cannot be the shadow of a doubt that they will carry the day; but we are sorry to notice that in some quarters a want of unanimity prevails, Conservative being opposed to Conservative. The City of Toronto, for instance, is being canvassed by his Worship the Mayor, the Hon. Henry Sherwood, and Mr. Donald Bethune, and the consequences which must ensue, if all those gentlemen go forward to the poll, must be most calamitous to the cause of good government and constitutional freedom. In all probability the result would be the return of Mr. Beatty, the Leather Merchant, as one of the representatives of our Western Capital. Sincerely do we trust that effective measures will be promptly adopted to prevent so untoward a consummation. It is not our wish to pass any opinion on the comparative merits of the several Conservative candidates, believing, as we do, that they are all well qualified for the proper discharge of the trust to which they aspire; but, unquestionably, it is the bounden duty of the electors to take timely steps to insure the concentration of their suffrages upon two of the number; and it is equally incumbent upon the party, whoever he may be, upon whom the selection may not fall, to retire from the field, and use his best endeavours to secure the return of his more fortunate fellow competitors.

The same remarks are applicable to the state of matters in the Second Riding of York and that of West Halton. In the latter, it is feared that Messrs. Webster and Shade will be opposed to each other; while in the former, Mr. Duggan, the late member, and Colonel William Thompson, seem determined to divide the Conservative interest, thereby securing the return of Mr. Joseph C. Morrison, the Radical candidate. In justice to Mr. Duggan, we are bound to state, that he seems determined to take all possible steps in order to ascertain the feelings of the Conservative constituency, as regards himself and his rival. He has published an address, calling upon them to meet at Brampton, on Saturday first, for "the purpose of nominating a suitable candidate to represent their principles and interests in the next Parliament." To this document Mr. Duggan appends a note, which we have perused with much concern. He states, that at an interview with Col. Thompson, he called upon that gentleman to confer with him in some reasonable scheme, so as to preclude the possibility of there being more than one candidate, but that the Colonel declined to accede to the proposition, and refused to submit to the public decision of the electors. "He spoke of the Riding being large, (we quote from the document referred to), and that people could not now well attend a public meeting; I offered to have township meetings, he refused to be bound by this. He said that his friends were especially numerous in Toronto Township, I then said, leave it to Toronto Township, and if the people there want you, I will do my best to put you in. He even refused this, and again spoke of the trouble of getting people out, and referred to the Lake Shore people, where he lives. I then offered to have the meeting at his own place; he refused all. I told him, that as he had refused everything I had proposed, to propose something himself, as I was willing to do any thing for the cause; he would propose nothing. Captain Price [Col. Thompson's friend] was present when I made these offers." Col. Thompson we believe to be a most respectable man, and one, as to the soundness of whose political principles, there cannot be a reasonable doubt; but we unhesitatingly affirm that at present he stands in a radically unsound position. Should he persist in refusing to become a party

to any arrangement for deciding the question of difference between himself and his opponent, (of course we assume the entire accuracy of Mr. Duggan's statement), it will then be the imperative duty of the electors to take the matter into their own hands, and so prevent the possibility of this hitherto Conservative Riding from being thrown into the scale of the opposition party. As the case stands at present, the sympathies of every right-thinking Conservative must be with Mr. Duggan, and the only way by which Colonel Thompson can place himself in an equally favourable position will be either to accede to some of the proposals above enumerated, or to suggest some more satisfactory method of taking the sense of the constituency, so as to preclude the possibility of the common cause being sacrificed.

In a subsequent portion of our paper will be found the latest particulars which we could collect regarding the position of affairs in the other constituencies of our Province.

DEATH OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK. It becomes our melancholy duty this week to record the decease of the Right Reverend the Archbishop of York and Primate of England. The venerable Prelate, who had attained the advanced age of 90 years, was consecrated Bishop of Carlisle in 1791, and was advanced to the see of York in 1808. Report mentions Dr. Musgrave, Bishop of Hereford, as likely to succeed to the vacant mitre, and that Dr. Hampden is to be the new Bishop of Hereford.

SEE NEW BISHOPS FOR INDIA. This addition to our East Indian Episcopate, is to be accomplished by the following arrangements. A very extensive territory subject at present to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of only four bishops—those of Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, and Colombo—which far exceeds the limited provision made for its Episcopal government, is to be subdivided; and six additional sees will be created. The titles of the new bishops have not yet been announced.

By the Britannia. (From the New-York Herald.) BOSTON, Dec. 8—2 1/2 P.M. The British Parliament was convened on the 18th. No business was transacted beyond the mere ceremony of opening, which was done by royal command. Dr. Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, the eminent composer of "Midnight Mass," died suddenly at Leipzig, on the 4th ult., in the 39th year of his age. The state of Ireland is truly frightful. A system of agrarian resistance is every where manifested; landlords daily falling before the vengeance of the people.

The French mail steamer *Uganda* has left on the 24th ult., her departure having been delayed in consequence of the injuries which her machinery suffered upon the last voyage from New York. The *Sarah Sands* will resume her place upon the line on the 22nd January. The British and North American steamers will run fortnightly during the winter, and the new vessels shall be ready, when the spring will commence with a weekly mail; the new arrangement will take effect on the 1st of January, on which day the *Cambria* will sail from Liverpool for New York. The packet ship *Stephen Whitney* was totally lost at 10 o'clock, on the 10th ult., on her voyage from New York to Liverpool, under circumstances the most perfectly appalling that the imagination can possibly conceive. Mistaking the light upon Rock Island, near Cape Clear, on the south coast of Ireland, for the Old Head of Kinsale, she continued her course, intending to make Rock Harbor, but in less than a quarter of an hour, with a suddenness which defied all human effort to avert her fate, she came broadside on a rock called the West Cliff, four miles inside the Cape, and in less than ten minutes after striking, she dashed to atoms, overwhelming her whole ninety-two of her helpless crew and passengers. Eighteen only of one hundred and ten, succeeded in clambering up the face of the rock which forms a wretched island, containing three fishermen's huts.

The following is a list of the officers and crew that perished: Chas. W. Popham, master, Irishman; Robt. Gill, 2nd mate, Englishman; Thos. Billa, Geo. Raymond and Wm. Brown, New Haven; Chas. Brown, Jas. Crawford, and Robt. Hope, New York; Wm. Briggs, Bath, U.S.; Cleary, Baltimore; Wm. Bricks, Mass.; Benj. Easton, also an active American; John Williams, Carnarvon, Wales; Andrew Deal, Denmark; and McCaskey, and Eliza Mill, stewards. All the first and second cabin passengers perished, comprising Dr. Groyney, Cork; Oliver Roberts, J. D. Forde, Scotland; Mr. Robinson, Liverpool; Mr. McCullagh, Ohio; Thos. Peterburg; Jas. McLaskey, Mary Connor, Isabella Quinn, David McGrattan, Martha Dunstiff and others. The eighteen who were saved are: Thos. Allen, 1st mate; Jas. B. Mackay, 2nd mate; Jos. Miller, steward; Wm. Johnson, 3rd mate; John Davy; John Davy; Wm. Smith, H. Hume, Dan'l Graves, Thos. Jackson, John Pearson, George Prince, Adolphus Jackson, and Joseph or Jas. Saunders (seamen); Edw'd. Ekin, Pat'k Patterson, Jr., and Jos. Butler, passengers.

Yesterday the proclamation of the doomed ship, that the only remains of her to be found, are small pieces of timber not more than four feet long. The royal mail steamer *Cambria* arrived at Liverpool on the 15th ult. The steamer *Missouri* reached here on the 11th; the *Cambridge* on the 11th; the *Constitution* on the 18th. Sailed on the 7th, *Queen of the West*, for New York; also the *Montezuma*.

Colonial. ELECTION INTELLIGENCE. The Hon. William Robinson and the Hon. the Inspector General arrived in Toronto on Sunday, and proceeded yesterday, the former to Barrie, where no opposition will be offered, and the latter to Goderich, where not the least doubt is entertained of his re-election.—Patriot. Robert Stanton, Esquire, has been appointed Returning Officer for the City of Toronto. Yesterday the proclamation was issued, appointing next Tuesday, the 21st instant, for the day of nomination of candidates. We hope Mr. Stanton will not forget his old friend of the *Examiner*, as his *Poll Clerk*.—Ibid. Although the official announcement of a dissolution of Parliament has been before the community for some days, and a General Election had been spoken of in all informed circles, we have not, until recently, yet the subject appears to excite little interest in this section of the Province. We are quite satisfied that the Elections will pass over with much less excitement than upon previous occasions. The reason of this state of things we cannot state with certainty, but the fact has been universally noticed. The people are doubtless becoming tired of the squabbles of party, and so that the country is prosperous, and its inhabitants contented, little care can give menialness, or create alarm. The question of Responsible Government was fully decided at the last Election; and we do not believe that any party could depart from the opinion then deliberately expressed. With the exception of the University Bill, we know of no measure on which there is a great diversity of opinion. We are satisfied that there is not a single three-fourths of the people of Upper Canada are in favour of the Government scheme. Notwithstanding the absence of excitement, Candidates are in the field for the different constituencies, with various prospects of success, but all equally sanguine.

In Hamilton, we have heard of no opposition to Sir Allan Macnab, nor is it at all likely there will any. The Election will probably take place on the 22nd instant. Westworth.—Both the Candidates are now busily at work. The campaign must be said to have commenced at Brantford, on Wednesday, each party having a meeting in that town. Dr. Smith will be left at home this time, a fact which we can announce with certainty, for the benefit of his numerous patients. The Radicals look particularly blank, and the spirits of their opponents are considerably above summer heat. Our friends at a distance may rely upon it, that Mr. Alkman will be the next Member for Westworth. The Election will probably take place on the 6th proximo, but we cannot speak with certainty. West Halton.—Mr. Webster is in the field, and it is expected that Mr. Shade will come forward on the Conservative side. It is believed that the Radicals have no chance, provided the Candidates act patriotically; and as they are perfectly aware that it will be useless to go to the polls, with two Candidates, we do not entertain a doubt that one of the gentlemen will retire. Mr. Ferguson, ex-Judge of the Wellington District Court, has retired from the active part of nearly so popular in the township of Waterloo as our retired-on-a-pension friend, "Jemmy Darand."

We need hardly say, that in our opinion, the expression *unequal and unjust measure*, is altogether inapplicable to the conduct of Great Britain, in reference to the matter under notice. From first to last the Government of the United States have stood in the way of anything like an equal and fair adjustment of the question. Communication. [We deem it necessary to follow the example of the London Church periodicals, and to apprise our readers that we are not responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.—Ed. CHURCH.] To the Editor of The Church. Rev. Sir,—On looking into a publication entitled "The Churchman's Almanack" for 1848, I perceive in the list of the Clergy and other office-bearers in the Churches of the City of Toronto, the term "Sacristian" applied to some person employed in the recently erected Church of the Holy Trinity. Permit me to ask, Mr. Editor, whether you can inform your readers upon what authority, the very respectable publishers of the Almanack above named, have undertaken to use phrasology, novel in the ears of Churchmen, and little understood save by those familiar with the Missal and similar publications of the Church of Rome. As a Churchman, and a Presbyter of the Church, I desire to record my solemn objection to its adoption, as foreign to the usages of our Communion, and more especially bespeaking as it appears to me, a hazardous leaning to the system from which it is borrowed. C. C. B. December 11th, 1847. [Not having been consulted in reference to the compilation of the Churchman's Almanack, we can give our Correspondent no information regarding the publisher's reasons for adopting the expression objected to. On looking into Dr. Hook's Church Dictionary, we find the following definition of the word *Sacristian*.—"The person to whose charge the sacred Vestments are in a Church committed; now corrupted to *Sacron*."—Ed. CHURCH.] Ecclesiastical Intelligence. CANADA. DIOCESE OF TORONTO. THE CHURCH SOCIETY OF THE DIOCESE OF TORONTO. Collections made in the several Churches, Chapels, and Missionary Stations throughout the Diocese of Toronto, towards the fund for the support of the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy in this Diocese. £ s. d. Previously announced in No. 141, amounting to 407 6 3 St John's Church, Ancaster, —per Rev. Wm. McMurray..... 2 10 0 142 collections, amounting to.....£409 16 5 T. W. BIRCHALL, Treasurer. Toronto, Dec. 16, 1847. By the Britannia. (From the New-York Herald.) BOSTON, Dec. 8—2 1/2 P.M. The British Parliament was convened on the 18th. No business was transacted beyond the mere ceremony of opening, which was done by royal command. Dr. Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, the eminent composer of "Midnight Mass," died suddenly at Leipzig, on the 4th ult., in the 39th year of his age. The state of Ireland is truly frightful. A system of agrarian resistance is every where manifested; landlords daily falling before the vengeance of the people. The French mail steamer *Uganda* has left on the 24th ult., her departure having been delayed in consequence of the injuries which her machinery suffered upon the last voyage from New York. The *Sarah Sands* will resume her place upon the line on the 22nd January. The British and North American steamers will run fortnightly during the winter, and the new vessels shall be ready, when the spring will commence with a weekly mail; the new arrangement will take effect on the 1st of January, on which day the *Cambria* will sail from Liverpool for New York. The packet ship *Stephen Whitney* was totally lost at 10 o'clock, on the 10th ult., on her voyage from New York to Liverpool, under circumstances the most perfectly appalling that the imagination can possibly conceive. Mistaking the light upon Rock Island, near Cape Clear, on the south coast of Ireland, for the Old Head of Kinsale, she continued her course, intending to make Rock Harbor, but in less than a quarter of an hour, with a suddenness which defied all human effort to avert her fate, she came broadside on a rock called the West Cliff, four miles inside the Cape, and in less than ten minutes after striking, she dashed to atoms, overwhelming her whole ninety-two of her helpless crew and passengers. Eighteen only of one hundred and ten, succeeded in clambering up the face of the rock which forms a wretched island, containing three fishermen's huts. The following is a list of the officers and crew that perished: Chas. W. Popham, master, Irishman; Robt. Gill, 2nd mate, Englishman; Thos. Billa, Geo. Raymond and Wm. Brown, New Haven; Chas. Brown, Jas. Crawford, and Robt. Hope, New York; Wm. Briggs, Bath, U.S.; Cleary, Baltimore; Wm. Bricks, Mass.; Benj. Easton, also an active American; John Williams, Carnarvon, Wales; Andrew Deal, Denmark; and McCaskey, and Eliza Mill, stewards. All the first and second cabin passengers perished, comprising Dr. Groyney, Cork; Oliver Roberts, J. D. Forde, Scotland; Mr. Robinson, Liverpool; Mr. McCullagh, Ohio; Thos. Peterburg; Jas. McLaskey, Mary Connor, Isabella Quinn, David McGrattan, Martha Dunstiff and others. The eighteen who were saved are: Thos. Allen, 1st mate; Jas. B. Mackay, 2nd mate; Jos. Miller, steward; Wm. Johnson, 3rd mate; John Davy; John Davy; Wm. Smith, H. Hume, Dan'l Graves, Thos. Jackson, John Pearson, George Prince, Adolphus Jackson, and Joseph or Jas. Saunders (seamen); Edw'd. Ekin, Pat'k Patterson, Jr., and Jos. Butler, passengers. Yesterday the proclamation of the doomed ship, that the only remains of her to be found, are small pieces of timber not more than four feet long. The royal mail steamer *Cambria* arrived at Liverpool on the 15th ult. The steamer *Missouri* reached here on the 11th; the *Cambridge* on the 11th; the *Constitution* on the 18th. Sailed on the 7th, *Queen of the West*, for New York; also the *Montezuma*. Colonial. ELECTION INTELLIGENCE. The Hon. William Robinson and the Hon. the Inspector General arrived in Toronto on Sunday, and proceeded yesterday, the former to Barrie, where no opposition will be offered, and the latter to Goderich, where not the least doubt is entertained of his re-election.—Patriot. Robert Stanton, Esquire, has been appointed Returning Officer for the City of Toronto. Yesterday the proclamation was issued, appointing next Tuesday, the 21st instant, for the day of nomination of candidates. We hope Mr. Stanton will not forget his old friend of the *Examiner*, as his *Poll Clerk*.—Ibid. Although the official announcement of a dissolution of Parliament has been before the community for some days, and a General Election had been spoken of in all informed circles, we have not, until recently, yet the subject appears to excite little interest in this section of the Province. We are quite satisfied that the Elections will pass over with much less excitement than upon previous occasions. The reason of this state of things we cannot state with certainty, but the fact has been universally noticed. The people are doubtless becoming tired of the squabbles of party, and so that the country is prosperous, and its inhabitants contented, little care can give menialness, or create alarm. The question of Responsible Government was fully decided at the last Election; and we do not believe that any party could depart from the opinion then deliberately expressed. With the exception of the University Bill, we know of no measure on which there is a great diversity of opinion. We are satisfied that there is not a single three-fourths of the people of Upper Canada are in favour of the Government scheme. Notwithstanding the absence of excitement, Candidates are in the field for the different constituencies, with various prospects of success, but all equally sanguine. In Hamilton, we have heard of no opposition to Sir Allan Macnab, nor is it at all likely there will any. The Election will probably take place on the 22nd instant. Westworth.—Both the Candidates are now busily at work. The campaign must be said to have commenced at Brantford, on Wednesday, each party having a meeting in that town. Dr. Smith will be left at home this time, a fact which we can announce with certainty, for the benefit of his numerous patients. The Radicals look particularly blank, and the spirits of their opponents are considerably above summer heat. Our friends at a distance may rely upon it, that Mr. Alkman will be the next Member for Westworth. The Election will probably take place on the 6th proximo, but we cannot speak with certainty. West Halton.—Mr. Webster is in the field, and it is expected that Mr. Shade will come forward on the Conservative side. It is believed that the Radicals have no chance, provided the Candidates act patriotically; and as they are perfectly aware that it will be useless to go to the polls, with two Candidates, we do not entertain a doubt that one of the gentlemen will retire. Mr. Ferguson, ex-Judge of the Wellington District Court, has retired from the active part of nearly so popular in the township of Waterloo as our retired-on-a-pension friend, "Jemmy Darand."

East Halton.—Mr. Chalmers, the late Member, will be the Conservative Candidate. During the late Session, Mr. Chalmers proved himself one of the most industrious Members in the House, and his friends are sanguine of success. He will be opposed by Mr. Wetchnall, a dealer from the Conservative ranks, who was defeated at the last contest. It will be a contest by a communication of others, that some of the most important Reformers of the Riding are disatisfied with the "Association" Candidate, and the unceremonious manner in which an old and tried Representative has been treated.

Norfolk.—Henry John Boulton, Esq., will be the Radical Candidate. His opponent is not yet announced. He is a strongly popular figure, and the Conservatives will allow him to walk the course. Of this however we have no knowledge, it is somewhat strange that a majority of the Radical Candidates westward are traitors to the Conservative cause.

London.—John Wilson, Esq., the Conservative Candidate, will meet with no opposition. Mr. Ermattinger's friends are busily at work, an article elsewhere will show. The more independent Radicals are seriously annoyed at the attempt to fast Mr. Ermattinger on the county, and many of them will vote for Mr. Ermattinger, whilst others will stay at home. The late member of the County of Middlesex, who has retired from the active part of the party to which they now appeal for a "hoist."

Oxford.—Mr. Hinks will be the Radical Candidate, and we have not yet heard whether Mr. Carroll or Col. Whitehead retire, or the best gentlemen in the county. It is a question of going so without delay. A strenuous effort will be made for Mr. Hinks on the Free Church question, but the contest pursued by that gentleman in Montreal, will prove but a poor recommendation in London.

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Essex.—Malcolm Cameron, Esq., the Custom House Inspector, will run on the Radical ticket, and the name of the Hon. J. Hilyard Cameron has been mentioned as his opponent, but we are without information of any description from his country, but we are scarcely believe that Malcolm is "the man for Galway."

Huron.—It is said that the Inspector General will meet with some opposition, but there is no doubt of his return. Mr. Gwynne, of Toronto and Lake Huron Railroad matters, has been spoken of, but Mr. Galt, but they need not trouble themselves with it.

Halifax.—Two Radical Candidates are in the field, Mr. Thompson, the late Member, and Mr. Douglas Fraser, of this city. Mr. Thompson is unquestionably the most unpopular Member on the Grand River, and several intelligent electors have informed us that they would vote for almost any person who would oppose him at the moment, and his residence in this city, is spoken of as the Conservative Candidate, and we should be well pleased to see him in the field.

Windsor.—We are not aware that the late Member will be opposed.

Lincoln.—Mr. Merritt is the Radical Candidate, but his conduct with reference to the Railways having given great dissatisfaction to his constituents, he is not likely to be made to defeat him. No less than five Conservative Candidates have been spoken of, Messrs. Ryker, W. C. Clark, and Roland McDonald, but this is a perfect absurdity. Mr. Ryker is the only man who can oppose Merritt successfully, and we trust that he will be the Candidate.

Niagara.—Mr. Dickson, the late Member, will meet with no opposition. Toronto.—Messrs. Boulton, Sherwood, and Bethune, are in the field. The latter gentleman is a thoroughly-going Conservative, and comes forward in opposition to the Free Trade theories of the day. Of course none but a Conservative has any chance of success.

First Riding of York.—Mr. Price, the late Radical Member, will be opposed by J. W. Gamble, Esq., a gentleman highly respected by the people, and who almost certainly will be made to defeat him. No less than five Conservative Candidates have been spoken of,